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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 20, 2004, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. Applicants' Amendment of January 26, 2004 was deemed to be non-compliant because the listing of claims was incomplete.

Applicants submit herewith a complete "Listing of Claims", page numbered 2 in the prior Amendment.

Applicants were given one month from the mailing date of the Notice, namely, until March 20, 2004, to comply. This response is within that time period.

Respectfully resubmitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 1, 2004.

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